

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

MARIA STAPLETON, et al on behalf of  
themselves, individually, and on behalf of all  
others similarly situated, and on behalf of the  
advocate plan,

Plaintiff,

v.

ADVOCATE HEALTH CARE NETWORK  
AND SUBSIDIARIES, ET AL.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:14-cv-01873

**JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR FILING MOTION FOR  
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT**

Plaintiffs and Defendants, by and through their undersigned counsel, move to extend for one week, from February 9, 2018 to February 16, 2018, the time for Plaintiffs to file their motion to approve the settlement in this matter. In support of their Joint Motion, the parties state as follows:

1. On January 12, 2018, Plaintiffs and Defendants filed a Joint Status Report advising the Court that the parties had executed a term sheet for the settlement of this matter, estimating that a final settlement agreement would be executed by February 2, 2018, and that Plaintiffs would file an unopposed motion to for preliminary approval of the settlement by February 9, 2018. ECF No. 148.

2. The parties have been negotiating the form of settlement agreement in good faith, but have been unable to meet their estimated timeline. The parties believe that they will execute a final settlement agreement by Friday, February 9, 2018, and that Plaintiffs will be able to file their motion for preliminary approval on or before Friday, February 16, 2018.

3. An extension of one week, to February 16, 2018, in which to file Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary approval will not affect any deadlines or hearings in this matter.

4. This Motion is made in good faith and not made for purposes of hindrance or undue delay.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and Defendants respectfully request this Court order that the time for Plaintiffs to file their motion for preliminary approval of their settlement be extended from February 9, 2018, through and including February 16, 2018, and for any such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: February 6, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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